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Dear Mr. Neitzke:

In 2012, RMB Labs processed veliger samples from Little McDonald Lake, Kerbs Lake, Paul Lake, and Rusch Lake. Three veligers were found in each of Paul, Kerbs, and Rusch lakes. Following this discovery DNR staff conducted shoreline searches of equipment and structures and found no settled attached zebra mussels. Because of the discovery of veligers the lakes were designated as infested with zebra mussel.

In 2013 and 2014, RMB labs processed veliger samples from all four lakes and no veligers were found nor were zebra mussels discovered in subsequent equipment searches.

Because of the life history and cryptic habitats of zebra mussels, and the environmental conditions of an open water lake system we may not see large population growth in the first 2-3 years of infestations. Therefore in cases such as these, our protocol is to monitor the lake for five years, review all monitoring data, and review the listing after five years.

Please let me know if you have any additional questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ann Pierce".

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